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Budget a mixed bag for Bass

Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer said tonight's Budget is a mixed bag for northern Tasmanians, with immediate cost of living relief nowhere to be found.

"At a time when cost of living is increasing daily, from the supermarket to the heating bill and at the petrol pump, Labor has left northern Tasmanians high and dry when it comes to additional support," Mrs Archer said.

"I welcome Labor's commitment in tonight's Budget to match key health commitments which I announced at the election in May.

"As my part of my commitment to deliver better health facilities and outcomes for northern Tasmanians, I announced investments for palliative care, a post-cancer survivorship program and the creation of a medical research centre spearheaded by the Clifford Craig Foundation at the Launceston General Hospital.

"Labor eventually matched my commitments, and I am pleased to see that all three projects have had funding confirmed in tonight's Budget.

"After working closely with key stakeholders on these projects over several years, I know how much this will mean to them and our community.

“However, there is lack of detail around Labor’s own commitment to opening an Urgent Care Clinic in Launceston. As a key election platform of the current Government, where is the detail on the promised clinic?

“I am also deeply concerned over the future investment in the Launceston City Deal as this important initiative disappears completely off the budget from 2025/2026.

“The City Deal has delivered significant infrastructure and social and cultural projects for our region, and it appears as though Labor wants to leave Launceston off the map for investment in the future.”

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